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Bierwagen Walks Out On Meeting; Lack Of Quorum Stymies Board

By Doris Asbell Mednick

Greenbelt Consumers Services' President Walter Bierwagen pulled a "Vishinsky" by walking out on a special board meeting last Wednesday, July 18. His departure left the meeting without a quorum.

The discussion leading up to his walk-out began when Treasurer Cal Winegarden proposed that certain results of the previous board meeting's executive session should be made public information. He was referring to the discussion held on the accounting of the new Takoma Park stores' pre-opening expenses on Greenbelt's balance sheets. Winegarden asked that recommendations of the audit committee and himself prior to the executive session discussion; summary of the discussion; and votes, by person, on the various questions (except confidential details or actual sums) should be released to the Cooperator representative.

Bierwagen said that since only five board members were present (out of a total of nine), Winegarden's suggestion might be construed by "absent board members as an attempt to get a motion through with a small group present." Winegarden replied that the special meeting had been called for the board to take action on several important matters. He couldn't see why an exception should be made of his proposal on the grounds that a bare quorum was present.

Absent Members Called

It was Bierwagen's contention that the recall of the subject should have been made in executive session. The president insisted that the matter be brought up at a future meeting. Winegarden said that because of vacations there would not be more than five board members present at the next two directors' meetings. The second quarterly membership meeting scheduled for September would further delay action on his proposal, it was emphasized.

An attempt was made by Ruth Taylor, recording secretary, to contact absent board members by phone during the meeting, without success.

It was brought out that should the board not assume the responsibility of making such information public, the auditing committee might do so and perhaps reveal such material as the board might consider confidential.

Audit Committee Duties

Bierwagen said that the "auditing committee will be violating a trust" by releasing information on what transpired during executive session. He took time out to look up that section of the by-laws referring to the duties and responsibilities of the auditing committee. The group learned that the auditing committee can suspend any member of the board acting contrarily to the co-op's principles, call special meetings, inform the membership on matters deemed important according to their judgment.

At this point, Bierwagen said that he could go for a walk and there wouldn't be a quorum. The other four board members remained silent and he departed. The meeting was at an end.

Athletic Club Plans Golf Match Sunday

The Greenbelt Athletic Club will run a "Blind Bogey Golf Tournament" at Annapolis Road, Sunday, July 29. Entry fee of \$3 covers green fees and prizes. All golfers interested should be at the center in front of the drug store at 7 a.m. Transportation will be available for those who do not have cars. For further information, call Edgar J. Swisher, 4471.

'Cooperator' Story Is Community Story

By Bobbie Solet

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Many people often ask a reporter how the Cooperator goes about its business; and some who drop into the office to leave some news are astonished at the talk and the noise and the general chaos. Actually there is more than a little method in this madness.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are the Cooperator's working nights. The oil burns past midnight in the basement office.

On Monday editor Harry Zubkoff reads and rewrites the copy which has come in over the weekend. One of the toughest jobs the editor has is to see to it that the printer has most of the stories and other copy to set before his deadline Wednesday night. He reads all the mail, which can fill a good-sized trashbasket every week. He answers letters, files material, cleans the office, contacts advertisers and lines up stories for his staff to work on.

Tuesday nights writers, reporters, the paper's business manager, typists and the associate editors appear. From eight till one or two or three (a.m.) the phone rings, the two old typewriters clamor, paper rattles, people talk, argue, think aloud, while the stories get written and Lydalu Palmer (who does most of the re-typing) mans her machine without pause.

The editor reads copy, someone writes headlines, and somebody else re-writes stories. Meanwhile the editor makes up his advertising schedule, and if all is well, and no big news breaks after Tuesday, the printer has most if not all of the copy in his plant on Wednesday morning.

Some months ago the paper ran an ad asking for someone who could deliver copy to the Allen Printing Service in Hyattsville three mornings a week. Mrs. Renier, a volunteer from Ridge Road, answered the ad and has been doing the job ever since.

Wednesday nights the crew gathers at the Zubkoff menage and 'reads' page proofs which the printer delivers sometime between nine and ten (p.m.). The editor 'dummies' the paper, a weary job which involves fitting all the stories and their headlines into as attractive a format as they will allow. There are times when the two most vital sentences in a story make it too long for that nice prominent 'L' on the front page; there are times when every headline looks like every other headline, although all the stories fit; and there are times when the whole paper fits together like a beautiful jig-saw. Infant plans are afoot to develop dummying skill among the staff so that the editor can have a much-needed rest.

Week in and week out, the Cooperator schedule goes through. A big GCS meeting or a mass rent-protest meeting may interrupt the proper sequence; copy may have to be late; the astonishing number of mothers with 4 kids apiece who work on the staff may be out for weeks with cases of mumps and measles at home; in fact, almost ANYTHING can happen, but somebody—PLUS the editor gets the paper out.

Once printed, it becomes young Joe O'Neill's baby. The printer delivers to him the finished copies and it's his job to make the door-mats ring that night.

(To Be Continued)

meeting at the famous office in the basement of 14 Parkway.

Members and interested residents are invited to attend, participate, and enjoy the refreshments which will be served.

Mayor Lastner Accepts Plaque For Greenbelt

Mayor Frank Lastner was a guest at a luncheon in Baltimore last Monday given by the Maryland chapter of the American Automobile Association, and was one of 11 mayors to receive a plaque in honor of going one year without a traffic fatality. Governor McKeldin made the presentations and Mr. Cloud, president of the Maryland AAA was master of ceremonies.

The presentation was made on a television broadcast over WBAL-TV.

City Takes Possession Of Streets And Roads

The City of Greenbelt took full possession of its roads and streets this week when official dedication papers were signed by Mayor Frank Lastner in the offices of Alec W. Johnson, community manager for Public Housing Administration. The signing marks one more step in a continuing program to dedicate certain features of Greenbelt to the city in line with the eventual disposition of the city by the federal government.

Greenbelt will now be eligible for income derived from state taxes which are distributed to local communities in ratio to amount of roads maintained. Included in the dedication were the roads to the cemetery, disposal area, and the dump.

Plan Triple Header Here On July 28

A triple-header has been arranged by the D. C. Commissioner for July 28, between Baltimore and Washington outstanding softball teams. Play will be on Braden Field.

First game, 6:45 p.m., Garvins Grill Girls vs. Baltimore Fillies. Second game, 7:45 p.m., Thrifty Beverage Men vs. Glenn Martin Bombers. Third game, 8:45 p.m., Arcade Pontiac Men vs. Hasslinger (team that defeated Trenton Club of Baltimore, last year's regional champs.)

A collection will be taken up for the expense of the games.

Tennis Ladders Start

Singles and doubles tennis "ladders" are now being formed. Play will begin this weekend and will continue through Sunday, September 2. Prizes will be awarded to individuals and teams holding top positions at this date.

All residents of Greenbelt are eligible to participate. You play at your convenience and as often or as little as you wish. A defeat will not eliminate you, only lower your position on the ladder.

If you wish to sign up or if you wish further information, contact Burke Horton, 4-K Plateau Place, Greenbelt 6442.

Cooperator Staff Meets

Next Thursday night at 8:30 the Cooperator will hold an open staff

Hope Seen In Rent Raise Situation; Controls Bill Before Congress Now

By I. J. Parker

Greenbelt residents were dramatically surprised this past week by a move that may spell the doom of the anticipated rent raise by Public Housing Administration. Representative Lansdale Sasser, working with the aid of Mayor Frank Lastner, offered an amendment to the "controls" bill now before Congress, which limited the increase in Greenbelt rents to 120% from the 1942 level. It was passed by an overwhelming majority.

If passed in committee conferences with the Senate it would not only eliminate the anticipated 15% increase but would drop rents 19%.

Information received by the Cooperator discloses that the White House has finally answered Sasser's letter inquiring about the rent raise. Over John Steelman's signature, a four-page report was submitted to the Congressman's office reviewing the "rental" history of Greenbelt, and giving its tacit approval. Sasser's amendment followed.

Authoritative sources agree that the dramatic reduction may not survive a committee conference. However, they feel that it offers a "bargaining" point. The controls bill features a 1947 figure instead of the Greenbelt 1942 rent basis figure. If the 1947 figure is used in relation to Greenbelt rents, it would still eliminate the 15% rent increase demanded by PHA.

The action by Sasser is the first concrete step taken to fight the rent raise after an aroused populace denounced the rent raise as "flagrant, unfair, and contrary to national policy." In a resolution sent to the White House and many Congressional figures, Congressman Sasser offered assistance. Mayor Lastner, a close friend of Sasser, has continuously been in touch with the congressman's office and working closely in the fight to beat the rent raise.

GCS Awards 2 Prizes In Wellesley Contest

Although Greenbelt Consumers Services had originally planned to award one prize to the best entry submitted on either "How the co-op in Greenbelt can be brought closer to its members," or "Encouraging consumer participation in Greenbelt," the final elimination left two equally outstanding entries. It was decided to award two scholarships, one of which has been won by Mrs. Ruth Bowman of 14-Z Laurel Hill and the other by Mrs. Theron A. Thompkins of 4-C Hillside Road.

Samuel Ashelman, general manager of GCS was "glad to get such good membership response" and he feels "we can certainly benefit by some of the suggestions received."

Each of the winners will receive a week's board, room and tuition to the Wellesley Institute, and transportation will be provided also. The Institute will be held from August 5 to 11.

Voters Get Schedule For Registration

According to the latest announcement from City Clerk Winfield McCamy, eligible Greenbelters may register to vote in the September 18 election of a city council on the following dates:

Every day, Monday thru Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. until August 17.

August 4, 11, 18 (all Saturdays) from 9 to 5.

August 19 (Sunday) from 10 to 7 p.m.

August 1 and 15 (both Wednesdays) from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

If possible, Mrs. McCamy will be on duty in the lobby of the North End school for the convenience of North-Enders on Saturday, August 11 all day, and on Wednesday, August 1 in the evening. All registration otherwise will take place in the city office next to the bank.

A list of 343 names which have been dropped from the books will be posted on the bulletin board in the post office. Voters are advised to check and see if they are among the 70 who have been declared ineligible because they have failed to vote in one of the last two elections. These must re-register to become eligible.

To date only 5 persons have requested petition blanks, and none has been filed.

Final date for registration as well as filing petitions is August 19.

Biddy League Opens

Boys 12 years old and under who are interested in playing in a four-team Biddy Basketball League should report to McDonald Field on Wednesday, July 25, at 10 a.m. The teams will only be allowed one member of the Midgets per team, so all of the younger boys may feel free to try out.

Coaches for the league will be Connie Roehling, Mike Cockill, Mike Redd and Kenny Miller.

GCS Expecting 2 New Arrivals From Sweden

One aspect of the cooperative movement that serves to illustrate its wide scope on the international scene is the anticipated arrival of two cash registers manufactured by the Swedish cooperatives. These are samples which are being supplied to Greenbelt Consumer Services by the Swedish Kooperativa Forbundet.

They were first seen by Sam Ashelman in 1937 on a trip to Sweden. Again in 1939 on another trip, negotiations were instituted by Ashelman for shipment. War intervened and shipments were curtailed at that time.

The new arrivals were shipped by air freight from Stockholm to New York, but the trip from New York to Greenbelt is taking longer than the overseas one.

They will be tried out in the Greenbelt variety store, and if they are found practical they may be ordered for the drug-variety store due to open in Takoma Park. If they prove satisfactory, the purchase of additional cash registers will effect a considerable financial saving to the Greenbelt co-op, according to Ashelman.

Mixed Couples Softball League To Be Formed

A mixed couples softball league will be organized for boys and girls of Drop Inn age by the Recreation Department. All those interested in forming a league should register at the Recreation Department. This will be run on the same order that your bowling league was run. All games will be at Braden Field, at 1 p.m., and all entries must be in no later than Friday, August 3.

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FBI Vital To Our Security

The American Communists and their fellow travelers have trained their big guns on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This is perfectly natural—it was FBI evidence, painstakingly gathered and sifter over the years, that led to the conviction of the eleven top Communist leaders. FBI evidence was also a dominant factor in the Hiss, Coplan and other such cases.

The Communist strategy is to try to sell the idea that the FBI is the sworn enemy of civil rights and liberties, and that it is little different from Hitler's dreaded Gestapo. The primary danger in this is that some sincere but uninformed and misguided people outside of the Communist ranks have fallen for the red line, and are honestly concerned lest the FBI turn America into a police state.

The fact is that the FBI has leaned over backward to protect the innocent and to scrupulously avoid anything that might even remotely resemble a witch hunt. In the FBI's report on its activities during the last fiscal year, this paragraph appears: "The FBI is concerned only with acts, not thoughts; with deeds, not beliefs. So far as the FBI is concerned a man may think what he likes so long as his thoughts are not translated into action by engaging in either criminal or subversive activity." That is basic FBI policy, and it is rigidly adhered to.

Of necessity, more and more of the FBI's resources and manpower are being utilized for work relating to the activities of the Communist Party, USA. Today the FBI is as vital to our security as an army, navy or air force.

COMMENDATION

The judges of the Wellesley contest would like to take this opportunity to commend the members of the Greenbelt Consumers Cooperative who participated in the contest.

Co-ops everywhere, and Greenbelt is no exception, have been concerned about the need for developing programs which would (a) encourage greater participation by the membership in the affairs of the Cooperative, and (b) provide for better understanding of the Cooperative movement and its role in the community and society.

We can think of no better source than the membership itself for help and guidance in developing such programs. This conviction was borne out by the response to the contest. Many worthwhile ideas were presented and suggestions for their implementation were included in the entries. This information will be turned over to the Management and the Board of Directors

for their careful consideration and utilization.

The procedure for judging the entries was carried out as follows: Each member of our committee independently evaluated all papers in terms of first the merit of the proposals and then the neatness of the presentation. A poll was then taken to determine the winner. This revealed that there were two letters, equally meritorious, and to attempt to rank the two would be a most difficult task. By unanimous decision, it was decided to award duplicate prizes, an opportunity to participate in the Cooperative Institute Program at Wellesley College, to Mrs. Bruce Bowman of 14-Z Laurel Hill Road and Mrs. Theron A. Tompkins of 4-C Hillside Road. Tuition, room, and board will be paid for and transportation provided by Greenbelt Consumers Cooperative.

Frank Lastner
Henry Walter
Martin Bickford

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vella, 6-C Hillside, and children Alex and Gregory returned last week from a Saguenay Cruise. They visited Montreal and Quebec and stopped off at the picturesque French-Canadian towns. Highlight of the trip for Mrs. Vella was a two-day stay at the Chateau-Frontenac. The boys enjoyed the Caleche Drive.

A surprise stork shower was given in honor of Mrs. David Ingraham of 11-V Ridge at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Attick, 16-V Ridge, on July 17. Fifteen guests admired the beautiful decorations and refreshments.

Miss Barbara Attick, 16-V Ridge, visited her cousin Shirley McCauley of Fairfax, Virginia, for 2 weeks in July. Miss McCauley returned home with her cousin for a two-week visit in Greenbelt.

Lost on Saturday - Child's red sandals, size 10-10½ at playground sandbox at 15-R Laurel Hill. Will finder please call 2101.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Schmid, Jr., 8-B Crescent Road, announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Louise, on Monday, July 9, at LeLand Memorial Hospital, weighing seven and one-half pounds. They have one other daughter, Beverly Jean, age 3. Mrs. Schmid's mother, who was here for the occasion, plans to return soon to Rhode Island.

(During the vacation of Sarah Gelberg, all social notes should be placed in the Cooperator box at the tobacco store or mailed to the office, 14 Parkway. Tuesday is the deadline.)

Mrs. Cecil C. Cox of Memphis, Tennessee, and Mrs. A. D. Tipton, and sons Dulaney and Richard, of Bay Shore, Long Island, are visiting their mother and sister, Mrs. W. H. Blake and Mrs. Lydalu Palmer at 1-D Eastway.

Mrs. Gladys L. Kerns, formerly of Greenbelt, announces the engagement of her daughter Norma Jane to John Joseph Wanley II, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Joseph Wanley of Hyattsville, Maryland. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

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Sunday, July 29 - 8:45, Primary Department of Church School. 9:50 a.m., Older children and adult Church School. 11 a.m., Beginners Section of Church School. For particular information call Harold Hufendick or Mrs. Betty Denson, Superintendents. 8:45 and 11 a.m., Church Worship. Soloist, Mrs. John McClendon. Organists, Mrs. Gordon Finley and Mrs. Daniel Neff.

Sermon by the pastor on "Community Resources Through Common Effort". This sermon is based on the Joash Chest story recorded in II Chronicles 24.

Monday, July 30 - Junior high girls leave for camp Kanesatake.

Saturday, August 18 - 6 to 9 p.m., Kandu Klub annual Fish Fry and program at the church grounds.

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Sunday: Masses, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Wednesday: Novena services, 8 p.m.

Baptisms: Sunday, 1 p.m. Anyone wishing to have a baby baptized should notify Father Dowgiallo beforehand.

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Sunday, July 29 - 9:45 a.m., Sunday School and adult Bible Class. Classes are held for all ages. E. F. Trumbule, Principal. 11 a.m., Church service will be held. Topic of the sermon, "The Wisdom of

Register Kids Now

Registration for the fall term of Greenbelt's Cooperative Nursery School is now in progress. Parents interested in enrolling children between the ages of three and five may get full information from Mrs. Leon Newman, the school's vice-president, at Greenbelt 2716.

Registration forms should be completed and returned by August 15. The school's capacity is 32 children. Names of all registrants in excess of that number will be recorded on a waiting list.

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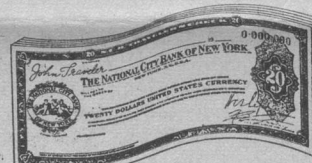
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By Ben Rosenzweig
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The cooperative fraternity is not renowned, at least in the U. S., for seeing very far beyond the end of its nose.

Problems encountered by the European cooperatives in England or Sweden, for instance, and solved, one way or another, might as well have happened on Mars. As an example, the English cooperatives are among the world's strongest. They suffer, however, from a complete loss of touch with the membership, several million in number. These people, students of cooperation say, live only for the annual "divvy". The basic principles for which Rochdale originally stood are lost in the remote dimness of the 19th century.

Similarly, the cooperatives in Sweden, under direction of KF, the national wholesale, represent a special form of elective representation. They are also a unique form of business organization. Most American cooperators calmly watch dozens of societies fail in the U. S., while refusing to study the lessons of the loss of touch from lack of a sound educational program as shown by the English example. Neither do they examine the possibilities of sounder business and financial structure, with good educational approach, as exemplified by Sweden.

Foresight, study, a keen analysis of fundamental principles, are vital factors, if American cooperatives are to survive, or to grow. The only hope for democracy in business is a firm adherence to democratic principles of individual responsibility. The peoples' business must be the business of everyone. And this business must be studied carefully and diligently. All signs and barometers must be watched with hawk eyes for tell-tale signs of weakness. Above all, the common touch through education and constant contact with the people, whom cooperatives serve, must never be lost.

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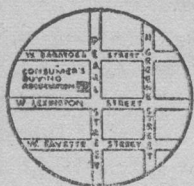
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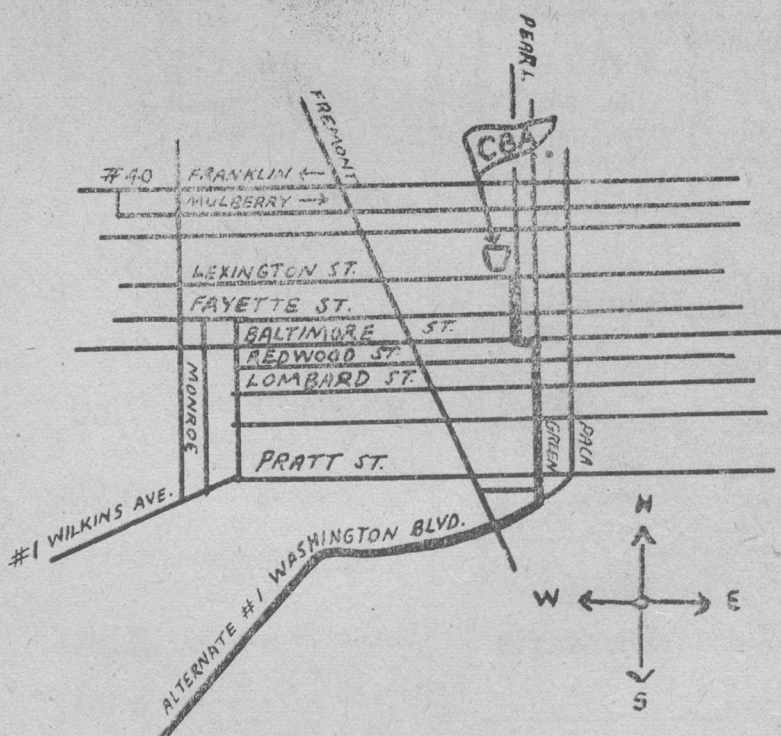
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Waltonian Bait OK; Plan More Fish Trips

By Eli DonBullian

The local Izaak Walton League conducted another of its popular fishing trips last Saturday. Considering the short notice the turnout for the affair was exceptionally good. Two cars made the trip in the morning, leaving Greenbelt about 9 while three more cars went out at 4 p.m. The morning group was the luckiest in that they actually caught some fish. The out-going evening trip, however, had all the earmarks of a roller coaster ride. The younger boys in the group seemed to enjoy the rough windy weather, but some of the men didn't seem to enjoy the effects of the rough weather on their stomachs. No one, however, went to the extreme of feeding the fish except with bait. That was something that everyone did. It didn't seem possible but most of the bait just disappeared from the hooks. Maybe the fish were too smart for the fisherman; in any event there were hardly any fish caught but the bait was gone.

News Reporter Present

The most amusing part of the trip was the insistence of one of the planners of the trip that at least 200 fish would be caught. One of the boys suggested that he inform the fish before telling us. It was not the fault of Don Carpenter, of the Washington News, who captained the boat, that the catch was so small. He was exceptionally cooperative and went from place to place in the bay, trying to locate a spot in which the fish were biting. Most of the fishing was done at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay about two hours from Edgewater. The best feature of the trip was its cost. The assessment of four dollars included boat, bait and refreshments.

Next Trip August 5

Despite the limited size of the haul another trip has been planned for Sunday, August 5. Every fisherman and would-be fisherman is invited to go along on these trips. Membership in the League is not required for your first trip. You may go on as many trips as you like. We expect to have one every week. Those interested in making the August 5 trip should call 8746 as soon as possible as the number of reservations will be limited to the capacity of the boat.

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Boys Club Activities

By Lee

In the second half of the County League Greenbelt has 2 undefeated teams, the Midgets and the Orioles (Juniors), both going strong.

Out of 39 games played the Midgets had one loss, which they reversed when they defeated the Merrick Boys Club of Washington 6 to 5. Because of their fine record they have been invited to compete for the Eastern Championship in Midget Baseball at the all-Midget tournament which will take place in York, Pa. on August 10, 11 and 12. We feel this team has an excellent chance to win the trophy, the way the Greenbelt Boys Club Midgets won it in 1949.

The Oriole (Juniors) won the first half of the Prince Georges County League play and are undefeated in two games in the second half. Undefeated in the county, they have won two and lost one to the Washington Boys Club Junior teams. They deserve three cheers for the work they are doing under Bill Moore's coaching. After scoring 5 to 0 against the Western Branch Junior Boys Club team of Washington, who were tops in the Washington Juniors League, they lost to the same team here in Greenbelt 7 to 5. Their only other loss was to the champion Calvert County High School team. It is interesting to note that 7 members of this year's Junior (Oriole) team played on the championship Midget Team of 1949, which shows that Midget baseball players make the material for good Juniors and eventually for well-qualified high school sportsmen.

Our other Junior team in the county eastern section got their first win Saturday again Riverdale, 11-7, with Tommy Canning pitching. Their record is now 1 win, 6 losses, and they have knocked Riverdale out of first place. With Lou Zimmet coaching we will probably see more wins.

The Seniors, with so many working members, have been somewhat inactive, with a record of 2 wins, 4 losses.

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